

Fast Food Fax

APR 04, 2005

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady on whole product. Demand was light to moderate. In the parts complex, wings were readily available to fully adequate, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were usually clearing and dark meat cuts were well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Mar 12, 2005

| | FOOD SERVICE/ | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | <u>FAST FOOD</u> | <u>RETAIL</u> | <u>DEBONING</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down | 4.21 – 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | ---- |
| Total (000) | 29,594 | 25,484 | 39,720 | 94,798 |
| Percentage | 31% | 27% | 42% | 100% |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| <u>Live Weights</u> | <u>RTC WOG Weights</u> | <u>No. of Head (000)</u> | <u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 7,790 | 8.22 |
| 3.61 – 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 7,047 | 7.43 |
| 3.81 – 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz. | 9,822 | 10.36 |
| 4.01 – 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | 4,935 | 5.21 |
| | | 29,594 | 31.22 |

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets | | Chicks Placed | | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous | | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous | | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered | |
|----------------|----------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * * |
| Jan 29 | 211,302 | 103 | 171,613 | 102 | 208,330 | 102 | 171,993 | 103 | 157,768 | 101 |
| Feb 05 | 213,567 | 103 | 172,910 | 102 | 209,691 | 100 | 173,272 | 102 | 156,566 | 99 |
| Feb 12 | 213,403 | 102 | 175,844 | 105 | 208,114 | 102 | 172,093 | 102 | 154,449 | 99 |
| Feb 19 | 213,355 | 102 | 175,506 | 105 | 209,798 | 101 | 172,356 | 102 | 156,653 | 101 |
| Feb 26 | 213,200 | 101 | 175,684 | 104 | 211,111 | 103 | 173,466 | 104 | 156,421 | 100 |
| Mar 05 | 215,017 | 102 | 177,025 | 105 | 209,901 | 102 | 173,733 | 104 | 160,095 | 102 |
| Mar 12 | 213,063 | 101 | 176,613 | 103 | 210,241 | 102 | 172,679 | 104 | 157,630 | 98 |
| Mar 19 | 212,827 | 101 | 176,015 | 102 | 210,232 | 102 | 171,340 | 102 | 157,335 | 100 |
| Mar 26 | 213,499 | 101 | 175,940 | 102 | 209,544 | 101 | 172,928 | 102 | 151,161 | 96 |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/04/05

| | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed | 72-74 | 72.65 | 72.75 | 76.04 |
| CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed | 67-70 | 70.15 | 70.10 | 73.99 |
| LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed | 80 | 79.37 | 79.32 | 78.97 |
| 12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg. | | 73.75 | 73.65 | 76.96 |
| GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 74.00) | | 73.02 | 73.09 | 73.15 |
| SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg. | | 54.28 | 54.78 | 71.45 |

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

| | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | 04/01/05 | 04/01/05 | 04/04/05 |
| Breast – B/S | 156.93 | 147.82 | 155.50 |
| Tenderloins | 155.41 | 156.60 | 180.00 (Line run) |
| Breast – Line Run | 89.47 | 92.77 | 86.50 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 31.98 | 30.96 | 33.00 |
| Wings | 97.48 | 93.25 | 98.00 |